

Stone Creek Bridge II
Pennsylvania Railroad
South of Penn Street,
between First and Second streets
Huntingdon
Huntingdon County
Pennsylvania

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Location: South of Penn Street between First and Second streets, Conrail marker 201.88, Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania

Date of Construction: 1891

Builder: Pennsylvania Railroad
Brown Brothers and Sims, contractors

Present Owner: Conrail

Present Use: Railroad Bridge

Significance: This bridge was constructed when the tracks through Huntingdon were moved from Allegheny Street to the bed of the defunct Pennsylvania Canal, replacing an older stone bridge upstream (Stone Creek Bridge I, HAER No. PA-246).

Project Information: In February 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HAER undertook a comprehensive inventory of Blair and Cambria counties as the first step in identifying the region's surviving historic engineering works and industrial resources.

The results of this project have been published in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites, (1991), by Nancy Shedd, Sarah Heald, editor and published by HABS/HAER for the National Park Service.

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History:

DESCRIPTION: With a total length of 132', this stone arch bridge has three spans of rough-faced stone. A 12' extension of reinforced concrete covers the stone work on the north side. A builder's plaque on the south face of the bridge is no longer legible.

HISTORY: This PRR bridge over Stone Creek, at the eastern end of Huntingdon borough, was constructed in 1891 and 1892 when the tracks through Huntingdon were moved from Allegheny Street to the bed of the defunct Pennsylvania Canal. It replaced a stone-arch bridge constructed in 1849, just slightly upstream from the present bridge. The contract for building this bridge was awarded in March 1891 to Brown Bros. and Sims, who used a large force of Hungarian laborers to complete the work. The first trains ran over the new track in February 1892.

Railroad records show that the width of the bridge was expanded in 1948 by the addition of a concrete section to the north side.

Sources:

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